



## Quarterly Bulletin • 2025 • Issue 1 • February 2025

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear GDCA Member:

The GDCA Board meeting was held on February 15, 2025, in Tucson AZ. Appointments were made and approved at this meeting. The updated list will be available on the GDCA website soon.

We have some very exciting changes on the horizon.

GDCA will be transitioning to an online balloting system. A separate email will be required for EACH GDCA member that resides in the household. It is imperative that your email address is current. Please submit email updates to Lynda Moriarty, GDCA Membership Chair at [mor427@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mor427@sbcglobal.net)

Members will be notified by Constant Contact for important sign-up information.

GDCA will be launching a new GDCA National Website. The new website will contain information pertaining to the GDCA Annual National Specialty only. We are hoping to have this site up and running for 2026.

Changes made on the GDCA Website can only be authorized by the President, Corresponding Secretary, National Specialty Coordinator and the Treasurer. If you would like information posted on the website, please send an email to one of the above listed.

GDCA is also working on the standardization of all Affiliate Club Banners. Notifications regarding specific instructions on how to submit club logos will be sent to the Affiliate Clubs corresponding secretaries.

GDCA voted unanimously to keep all the puppy classes divided by color at the GDCA National Specialty. GDCA will award medallions for all class placements for National events.

The Junior Scholarship deadline is quickly approaching. April 1, 2025, is the final day to submit applications. If you need assistance please contact Susan Shaw, Charitable Trust Corresponding Secretary, [davidane@comcast.net](mailto:davidane@comcast.net)

In conclusion, I would like to recognize Dr. Tracy Powell for her service as the Companion and Performance Chair for the past 6 years. Tracy has cut event costs while simultaneously increasing revenue. With Tracy's guidance the Companion events outnumbered conformation entries. Her dedication to this position has been remarkable. Tracy will be missed by all of us at GDCA. Thank you for all you have done and best wishes in your future endeavors!

Our next GDCA Board meeting will be on May 10, 2025. The location is yet to be determined.

Thank you for all the support. If you are interested in volunteering or serving on a committee within please contact us.

***Jamie Harshfield***

President, Great Dane Club of America



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

***Wanda Hepler- GDCA Corresponding Secretary***

### **Affiliate Club Rosters:**

Please make sure we have your most recent club roster on file. To ensure your club will receive important notices including ballots and time sensitive emails your club roster must be updated following your Club election. To update your club roster, use the standardized form found on the GDCA website under the affiliate club tab to submit. We require that **all** clubs use this standardized form when sending in your annual rosters.

The direct link is: <https://gdca.org/the-gdca/affiliate-clubs/>

### **Affiliate Club Page:**

Please remember to forward any club officer changes to Melissa Ekis following your annual election so she can update your club information. The list of **Affiliate Clubs** can be found on the GDCA website.

### **Affiliate Club Specialty Approvals:**

As a reminder, **ALL** affiliate club specialties require GDCA approval.

To obtain GDCA approval, your club's dues need to be paid, and a current year roster of members and officers must be given along with the **date** and **location** of the specialty. Please allow 5 business days to process your request. Email to: **Wanda Hepler** [heplerdanes@gmail.com](mailto:heplerdanes@gmail.com)

Please note: It is the Affiliate Clubs responsibility to email their request for GDCA approval to us. **The process is not automatic and AKC does not inform us of when your event application is filed.**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*Lynda Moriarty*

Letters concerning the approval or disapproval of applicants should be directed in writing to:

Lynda Moriarty  
4496 Gosey Hill Road  
Franklin TN 37064

The following applicants have been approved by the Membership Committee for publication in the GDCA Bulletin. The Membership Chairman must receive comments concerning these applicants during the forty-five (45) day period following publication.

Any comments received after April 28, 2025 will not be accepted.

**Dawn Williamson**

232 Atalantic Ave  
Marblehead, MA 01945  
617.359.5130  
Dmwilliamson@gmail.com  
Sponsors: Sue Shaw & Gail Jones  
Interests: Charitable Trust, Health & Research, Historic, Public Ed

**Christy Balazs**

3225 Newburg Road  
Nazareth, PA 18067  
336.501.2882  
Christy.balazs@icloud.com  
Sponsors: Wanda Hepler & Memory Armstrong  
Interests: Health & Research, Judges' Ed, Juniors, Rescue & Standard

**Souradip Das**

46/36 Surendra Banerjee Road  
Kolkata, West Bengal India 700014  
0-9874497885  
das.souradip04@yahoo.com  
Sponsors: Lori Beilke & Darryl Pitts  
Interests: Awards, Breeders Ed, Fundraising, Futurity, Judges Ed, Membership, Public Ed, Standard

**Niko Hagen**

5146 KY HWY 1842N  
Cynthiana, KY 41031  
859.421.3303  
deesmastiffs@gmail.com  
Sponsors: Don Westermeyer & Jay Roden  
Interests: Awards, Fundraising, Performance

**Matthew Fitzgerald & Kameron Kicklighter**

15 Wyngate Drive  
Avon, CT 06001  
603.944.5587  
Mattfitz15@gmail.com  
Sponsors: Teresa LaBrie & Traci Rinoldo  
Interests: Performance

Applications are gathered on a quarterly basis. Deadlines are as follows: **April 1, 2025, July 1, 2025, October 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026.** Completed applications received prior to these dates will move forward at that quarters' Board Meeting. Those received after the deadline will be held for the next quarters' Board Meeting.

***NOTE: THERE IS AN UPDATED APPLICATION AND SPONSOR FORM ON THE GDCA WEBSITE AND SENT VIA CONSTANT CONTACT. SPONSORS –BE CERTAIN THE APPLICANT YOU ARE SPONSORING IS USING THE CORRECT FORM, DATED FEBRUARY 2025!***

***ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON THE OLD FORM WILL BE RETURNED.***

**NEW**

***THERE IS A NOW AN AUTO-RENEWAL OPTION TO PAY GDCA DUES! GO TO GDCA.ORG > GDCA STORE > GDCA DUES-AUTO RENEWAL OPTION FOR EXISTING MEMBERS***

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

The Board of Directors approved the following for membership.

We welcome them to the GDCA!

**Kenneth & Francene Drake**

630 Delaware Ave  
Hellertown, PA 18055  
610.442.7583

Frandrake1@aol.com

Sponsors: Arlene Erbacher & Gina Jabelon

Interests: Charitable Trust, Health & Research, Rescue

**Monique Fisser Miguel**

10346 Sparrow Hawk Ct.  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129  
303.520.7084

fammiguel5@gmail.com

Sponsors: Maricalla Osterman & Joshua Saunders

Interests: Futurity, Membership, Performance

### **Top Twenty**

#### **Memory Armstrong**

#### **GDCA Top Twenty National Coordinator**

It's time again for the invitations to be sent to the owners for the 2025 GDCA Top Twenty Invitational Event.

The Top Twenty Committee congratulates everyone that ended the year ranked in the Top Twenty Breed totals and look forward to seeing all of you in Pennsylvania!

### **Please Take Note**

**From: Kathy Munyan**

Reminder to affiliate clubs—annual tax filings need to be done.

Reminder to all members—be vigilant to not open or respond to any spam messages. There has been an uptick in phishing emails that appear to be genuine at first glance.

**GDCA BOARD MOTIONS****Cynthis Harwin, Recording Secretary****GDCA BOARD MEETING, TUCSON, AZ****February 15, 2025**

1. MOTION: To excuse the absence of Nancy Ridgway, Karen Desjardins, Jay Roden, Lisa Barratt, and Dale Tarbox.

Moved: Jason Hoke 2nd: Nichole Bartlett, unanimous

2. MOTION: To approve the minutes as amended.

Moved: Jason Hoke 2nd: Mary Lee Williams, unanimous

3. MOTION: To standardize the club banners to be hung around the GDCA National show ring. The cost will be incurred by the GDCA.

Moved: Kathy Munyan 2nd: Mary Lee Williams, unanimous

4. MOTION: The Division will incur the expenses for facility rental of their National. The GDCA will reimburse the Division for the Top 20 and the Futurity. Any Independent Specialty following the National shall not incur any facility rental fees.

Moved: Kathy Munyan 2nd: Mary Lee Williams, unanimous

5. MOTION: The GDCA shall award medallions for all class placements for National events sponsored by the Division.

Moved: Darryl Pitts 2nd: Kathy Munyan, unanimous

6. MOTION: To establish a GDCA National Website, with DMS Group, LLC. All of the cost to establish and maintain will be incurred by the GDCA.

Moved: Jason Hoke 2nd: Darryl Pitts, unanimous

7. MOTION: To purchase additional tunnel huggers for the agility tunnels. They will be paid for with funds from Great Danes and Great Deeds.

Moved: Jason Hoke 2nd: Mary Lee Williams, unanimous

8. MOTION: To accept edits to the Sponsor Form for the membership application with the addition of the trademark logo.

Moved: Jason Hoke 2nd, Kathy Munyan, unanimous.

9. MOTION: To add a line for email for each applicant in a household on the Membership Form. (required)

Moved: Jason Hoke 2nd: Mary Lee Williams, unanimous

10. MOTION: To approve the Memberships of the following applicants for GDCA membership:

Kenneth & Francene Drake

Monique Fisser Miguel

Moved: Jason Hoke 2nd: Mary Lee Williams, unanimous

**LUNCH**

11. MOTION: Only the President, Corresponding Secretary, National Specialty Coordinator, and Treasurer may authorize items for the GDCA website.

Moved: Jim Remaklus 2nd: Darryl Pitts, unanimous

12. MOTION: To approve the Financials for the 2024 National.

Moved: Mary Lee Williams 2nd: Darryl Pitts, Jason Hoke abstained, passed

13. MOTION: To approve the Presidential Appointments.

Moved: Jason Hoke 2nd: Mary Lee Williams, unanimous

14. MOTION: To go into Executive Session. 3:30pm

Moved: Mary Lee Williams

15. MOTION: To go out of Executive Session. 4:46 pm

Moved: Darryl Pitts

16. MOTION: To approve Dale Tarbox as Nominating Chair.

Moved: Mary Lee Williams 2nd Jason Hoke, unanimous

16. MOTION: To approve the Motions.

Moved: Darryl Pitts 2nd Mary Lee Williams, unanimous

17. MOTION: To Adjourn

Moved: Mary Lee Williams

## QUARTERLY CHIC REPORT

*Wanda Hepler- Corresponding Secretary*

Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) -  
Parent Club reporting: Great Dane Club of  
America. CHIC Numbers Issued New or Updated:  
3Q 2024. GDCA Members in **bold** type.  
Find out more about OFA's CHIC program.  
here: [www.caninehealthinfo.org/brdreqs](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/brdreqs)

**DOG: CORSON'S DNAES MOTHER TRUCKEN TANKER**

Owner: TIFFANY CORSON

AKC #: WS76593503

CHIC#: 199963

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 10/1/2024

GDCA: YES

**Dog: ENZO'S COULDA SHOULDA WOULD A DID**

Owner: NICHOLE BARTLETT

AKC #: WS81318506

CHIC#: 200210

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 10/9/2024

GDCA: YES

**DOG: DEWITT'S COURT PEACEFUL EASY FEELING**

Owner: LEIGH DEWITT

AKC #: WS76527401

CHIC#: 200420

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 10/15/2024

GDCA: YES

**DOG: BRF'S N AMERICAS V MAITAU @ BAYLOR A LEGEND IS BORN**

Owner: RACHEL WILSON

AKC #: WS77465101

CHIC#: 200461

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 10/16/2024

GDCA: YES

**Dog: HLADIK'S AMBITCHOUS**

Owner: SHARON HLADIK

AKC #: WS67070701

CHIC#: 200462

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 10/16/2024

GDCA: YES

**Dog: SSGD DREAM ON V LA CROIX VALLEY**

Owner: ARRETTA EGDELSTON

AKC #: WS76894704

CHIC#: 200626

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 10/23/2024

GDCA: YES

**Dog: ROCKINGDANE'S SHINE ON YOU CRAZY DIAMOND**

Owner: SONIA GENS

AKC #: WS75548104

CHIC#: 201135

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 11/8/2024

GDCA: YES

**Dog: JERDAN'S COUNTRY GIRL OF EDEN FOREST**

Owner: JOSE RIBO

AKC #: WS69030004

CHIC#: 201412

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 11/18/2024

GDCA: YES

**Dog: PATIENTDANES WHO'S ZOOMIN' WHO @ DANEDREAMS**

Owner: VALERIE METCALF

AKC #: WS74408911

CHIC#: 201608

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 11/22/2024

GDCA: Yes

**Dog: GOLDEN RULE & NEET VANTAGE**

Owner: SARAH HUGHES

AKC #: WS77312202

CHIC#: 201609

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 11/22/2024

GDCA: YES

**Dog: NIKOLO-DORRY'S OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO! @ HFO**

Owner: TERESA ROGOWSKI

AKC #: WS79060904

CHIC#: 201725

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 11/27/2024

GDCA: YES

**Dog: KRW OCEANBLUE OFF THE VINE**

Owner: JENNIFER HESTER

AKC #: WS77843501

CHIC#: 201726

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 11/27/2024

GDCA: YES

**Dog: RARE EARTH N DAVISHIRE 'S ARTISTRY IN MOTION**  
**Owner: COURTNEY MILLER**  
**AKC #: WS76945101**  
**CHIC#: 201866**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 12/3/2024**  
**GDCA: YES**

**Dog: VALHALLA'S MY KIND OF GIRL!!**  
**Owner: DARLENE BERGAN**  
**AKC #: WS73522301**  
**CHIC#: 202252**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 12/13/2024**  
**GDCA: YES**

**Dog: VELOCITY'S WE MOVE THE WORLD**  
**Owner: MISTY WINKER**  
**AKC #: WS74025103**  
**CHIC#: 202255**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 12/13/2024**  
**GDCA: YES**

**Dog: VELOCITY'S SOMETHING SPECIAL IN THE AIR**  
**Owner: MISTY WINKER**  
**AKC #: WS74025105**  
**CHIC#: 202256**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 12/13/2024**  
**GDCA: YES**

**Dog: NORTHPARK'S BLAME IT ON THE BOSSA NOVA**  
**Owner: EMILY WARREN-HANDSCHUMAKER**  
**AKC #: WS62080401**  
**CHIC#: 202472**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 12/19/2024**  
**GDCA: YES**

**Dog: VAILS SHOO SHOO SHOO BABY**  
**Owner: DANA MILLER**  
**AKC #: WS76279201**  
**CHIC#: 202473**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 12/19/2024**  
**GDCA: YES**

**Dog: DANU'S FREAKS WONDERS AND ODDITIES**  
**Owner: MELISSA PEVY**  
**AKC #: WS74988901**  
**CHIC#: 202474**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 12/19/2024**  
**GDCA: YES**

**Dog: DANU'S ENVIED AND ADORED**  
**Owner: MELISSA PEVY**  
**AKC #: WS74926303**  
**CHIC#: 202475**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 12/19/2024**  
**GDCA: YES**

**Dog: PAXTON'S HEY SOUL SISTER**  
**Owner: DR ALLISON PAXTON**  
**AKC #:**  
**CHIC#: 202677**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC DATE: 12/30/2024**  
**GDCA: YES**

**Dog: LIBERTY'S DREAMING IS BELIEVING**  
**Owner: JOYCE GUTHRIE**  
**AKC #: WS78858505**  
**CHIC#: 202678**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 12/30/2024**  
**GDCA: YES**

**Dog: NORTHERNARIE COLORS OF THE STORM**  
**Owner: CATHY BRACHT**  
**AKC #: WS76582302**  
**CHIC#: 202742**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 12/31/2024**  
**GDCA: YES**

**Dog: NORTHERNARIE 'S GOT ME ON MY KNEES**  
**Owner: CATHY BRACHT**  
**AKC #: WS77098001**  
**CHIC#: 202744**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 12/31/2024**  
**GDCA: YES**

**Dog: RILEY BENNETHUM'S YOU WERE ALWAYS MINE v SUBLIME**  
**Owner: ERIN BATEMAN**  
**AKC # WS75037205**  
**CHIC#: 199961**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 10/1/2024**  
**GDCA: NO**

**Dog: DE AMZEDEL TWO FACED PROMISES OF OHANA DANES**  
**Owner: LAURA ROGERS**  
**AKC # WS79195502**  
**CHIC#: 199962**  
**New or Update: NEW**  
**CHIC Date: 10/1/2024**  
**GDCA: NO**



Dog: LIVESKY'S PERFECT STORM  
Owner: OLIVIA HUDSON  
AKC # KE4179167  
CHIC#: 200209  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 10/9/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: RPA'S PICK YOUR POISON  
Owner: MARIE MICHAUD  
AKC # WS71323302  
CHIC#: 200340  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 10/11/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: SCOOPER DANES HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT @SMGD  
Owner: KALA FITZGERALD  
AKC #: WS78256901  
CHIC#: 200559  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 10/21/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: VALKKAS REAL MEN WEAR KILTS AT KETLIC  
Owner: DANIELLE GONZALEZ  
AKC #: WS66182308  
CHIC#: 200778  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 10/29/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: STAR THISTLE PROMISE KEEPER  
Owner: PATTY LOWTHER  
AKC #: WS80294003  
CHIC#: 200847  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 10/31/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: GREAT VIEW'S IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE IN PARADISE  
Owner: JOAN OLSON  
AKC #: WS75868102  
CHIC#: 200945  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC DATE:11/4/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: SHD SHIMMER'S DARK SHADOW OF THE KNIGHT GUINNESS  
Owner: SHAMARIE JOHNSON  
AKC #: WS76352403  
CHIC#: 200946  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC DATE:11/4/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: VERDANDI DANE'S SPRING BREAK MIAMI  
Owner: DAYSHA BROADWAY  
AKC #: WS68105402  
CHIC#: 201052  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/8/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: MARBLE ROCKS RIGMAROLE  
Owner: WENDI FESSLER-JONES  
AKC #:WS75594701  
CHIC#: 201053  
New or Updated: NEW  
CHIC DATE: 11/8/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: ARISTROCRAT GD DR BLAZIN CAYENNE @ BREKEN  
Owner: DAYSHA BROADWAY  
AKC #: WS83497601  
CHIC#: 201054  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/8/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: SAFRANDANE WANA BREAK FREE WITH BREKEN  
Owner: DAYSHA BROADWAY  
AKC #: WS77339801  
CHIC#: 201055  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/8/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: SORMY FANCY STAR VIEIRA  
Owner: YVETTE VIEIRA  
AKC #: WS76667904  
CHIC#: 201056  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/8/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: BREKEN'S BALANCE IS PREFECTION  
Owner: DAYSHA BROADWAY  
AKC #: WS76435705  
CHIC#: 201057  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/8/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: LAND DE BLACK & WHITE CHROMED- CARTEL  
Owner: ANDREA SCARPA  
AKC #: WS72659110  
CHIC#: 201194  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/12/2024  
GDCA: NO



Dog: PAND'S "GODDESS OF THE CROSSROADS "  
Owner: LAURIE SZPER  
AKC #: WS78768202  
CHIC#: 201195  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/12/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: COLORWORK'S OXFORD BLUE  
Owner: ANGIE KRITA  
AKC #: WS68009803  
CHIC#: 201413  
New or Update: UPDATE  
CHIC Date: 11/18/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: BREKEN'S A SHOT IN THE DARK  
Owner: DAYSHA BROADWAY  
AKC #: WS76435702  
CHIC#: 201516  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/20/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: SAGE GREEN OF THE GREAT LAKES  
Owner: REEGAN GADANY  
AKC #: WS80087703  
CHIC#: 2011517  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/20/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: OAKLEY MAXINE  
Owner: DANIELLE KROSCHER  
AKC #: WS70235109  
CHIC#: 201607  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/22/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: GOLDEN RULE & NEET VANTAGE  
Owner: SARAH HUGHES  
AKC #: WS77312202  
CHIC#: 201609  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/22/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: SVU MEINDA WARNER SUMMER  
Owner: ANNA MARIE IMMEKUS  
AKC #: WS74743006  
CHIC#: 201723  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/27/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: HICKORY RIDGES AUTUMN PUMPKIN SPICE  
Owner: ANNA MARIE IMMEKUS  
AKC #: WS78207401  
CHIC#: 201724  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/27/2024  
GDCA : NO

Dog: F&B'S BAGHEERA'S JUNGLE BEAT  
Owner: ANNA MARIE IMMEKUS  
AKC #: WS78805006  
CHIC#: 201727  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/27/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: EIO ITS YOU AND ME FOREVER  
Owner: STEPHANIE BELL  
AKC #: WS78262603  
CHIC#: 201728  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/27/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: HERIA VALKYRIE OF VALHALLA  
Owner: EMILY VINCENT  
AKC #: WS77546101  
CHIC#: 201818  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 11/29/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: NCGD'S SULLY THE DREAM GIANT  
Owner: KRISTI ARAGON  
AKC #: WS72676315  
CHIC#: 201865  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/3/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: NCGD'S LOVABLE LEAPING LARRY THE GREAT  
Owner: KRISTI ARAGON  
AKC #: WS77947506  
CHIC#: 201867  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/3/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: JEDI KNIGHT OF OHANA GREAT DANES  
Owner: LAURA ROGERS  
AKC #: WS80612105  
CHIC#: 201868  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/3/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: SARABI'S BLAME IT ON ME OF OHANA GREAT DANES  
Owner: LAURA ROGERS  
AKC #: WS80612101  
CHIC#: 201869  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/3/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: IVERNAC YOUR HEART OR MINE BLUE  
RASBERRY  
Owner: LAURA ROGERS  
AKC #: WS83127901  
CHIC#: 201870  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/3/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: "AMMO OF ENZO " F&B W2WP  
Owner: ANNA MARIE IMMEKUS  
AKC #: WS72928508  
CHIC#: 201917  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/4/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: MISS DAVIHAN F&F WPAWS  
Owner: ANNA MARIE IMMEKUS  
AKC #: WS71332610  
CHIC#: 201918  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/4/204  
GDCA: NO

Dog: TRILA'S ON THE ROCKS  
Owner: JULIA SPEARS  
AKC #WS75901301  
CHIC#: 202026  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/6/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: SALTWATER'S VINTAGE TROUBLE  
Owner: TIMOTHY JONES  
AKC #: WS59647002  
CHIC#: 202251  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/13/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: DIVINE ACRES KING ABOVE ALL HIGH KINGS  
Owner: GREGG HELLAND  
AKC #: WS73630903  
CHIC#: 202253  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/13/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: DIVINE ACRES  
Owner: JULIE MORRIS  
AKC #: WS78225901  
CHIC#: 202254  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/13/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: PAXTON'S ALL THINGS HAPPEN FOR A REASON  
Owner: BRADLEY JACKSON  
AKC #: WS78402403  
CHIC#: 202257  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/13/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: DRAGON'S HOOLIGAN PRINCE  
Owner: CHRISTOPHER STAMPER  
AKC #: WS80463202  
CHIC#: 202476  
CHIC Date: 13/19/2024  
New or Update: NEW  
GDCA: NO

Dog :PETRICHOR'S DARE IN BROCCA  
Owner: Brianna Montague  
AKC #: WS78323602  
CHIC#: 202743  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/31/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog: YCC'S LET ME ROCK YOUR WORLD  
Owner: SUMMERLYNN MILLER  
AKC #: WS72522903  
CHIC#: 202745  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/31/2024  
GDCA: NO

Dog : KC MRH ZEALOUS DANES DESERT BLUE  
Owner: WHITNEY LYALL  
AKC #: WS809491921  
CHIC#: 202746  
New or Update: NEW  
CHIC Date: 12/31/2024  
GDCA: NO

**GDCA 2024 Annual Awards****Compiled by Margaret A. Ontl—GDCA Awards Chairperson**

The 2024 Top Great Dane in Group and Breed points for the second year in a row is **GCHP CH Eb The Relentless Pursuit Of Perfection**. In Group competition, he earned 19 BIS's, 46 Group 1's, 14 Group 2's, 10 Group 3's, six Group 4's and 103 BOB placements and 21,844 points. In Breed Points 'Lexus' defeated 2,296 competitors with 103 BOB awards. He is owned by Dr. Pedro Bustillo, Elena Bustillo, Elyades Betancourt and Rosario Pineiro. He was bred by Elyades Betancourt, Elena Bustillo and Rosario Pineiro.

The 2024 Breeder of the year is **Lenni Brett Cipriotti** with Twelve Champions. Next we had **Jennifer Costantinidis** with eleven champions.

The 2024 Brood Bitch of the year was a tie with six bitches each having Four Champions. They are as follows: **CH Mysaints Northern Lights Of Powerhouse V Dun Roman**; **GCHB CH Magazu N Danemark's Let Them Eat Cake V Legado BCAT**; **GCHB CH Harley D Hardts What Did You Think Would Happen**; **CH Dun Romano's Keeping It Fly CGC**; **CH Elle's Kiss My Brass** and **Leggo's Desires Of Destruction CGC**

The 2024 Stud Dog of the year for the third year in a row is **GCH CH Izya's Fight On & Fly On** with Eight Champions. He was bred and is owned by Jessica Powers.

The 2024 Top Owner Handled Dane is **GCHG CH Haltmeier N Sunrise I'm Heart To Resist ATT**, owned by Melissa Dreyer, Amy Brent, Robin Massingill, Erica Massingill, Pat Haltmeier and Renee Haltmeier-Comly; Earned 1415 points.

The 2024 Top Junior Handler is **Allison Gallant**. She had 11 Best/Top wins, eight reserve wins and 19 class wins for a total of 146 defeated competitors.

**2024 Performance and Companion Annual Awards**

Utility Obedience

RACH Lazy Days Force Awakens UD BN RM3 RAE3 AX AXJ XF SWA SCNE CGC TKN

Owned by Shirley Spall

**2024 Performance and Companion Annual Awards Cont'd**

## Open Obedience

Lazy Days A New Hope CDX BN RE AX AXJ OF CGC TKN

Owned by Shirley Spall

## Novice Obedience

Lazy Days A New Hope CD BN RE NA NAJ OF CGC TKN

Owned by Shirley Spall

## Rally Master

RACH Revenir-Champlain's Bewitching Dreamweaver CD RM3 RAE4 RC CGCA CGCU TKI

Owned by Laura Amick

## Rally Excellent

Ashton's Classic Empire CD PCD BN RM3 RAE2 FCAT2 CGCA TKI

Owned by Dana Sikes

## Rally Advanced

Lazy Days A New Hope CDX BN RE AX AXJ OF CGC TKN

Owned by Shirley Spall

## Rally Intermediate

Dp-Kma-Crystallynn Beach Please CD RI CGC TKN

Owned by Campbell Amick

## Rally Novice

Jasper Kahu CGCU

Owned by Davina Merkel

## Agility Master

MACH Lazy Days I Believe I Can Fly CDX BN RM MXS MJG NAP NJP MFS TQX NFP T2B

Owned by Mary D. Shipman

## Agility Excellent

Lazy Days A New Hope CD BN RE AX AXJ OF CGC TKN,

Owned by Shirley Spall

## Agility Open

Sterling's Someday My Prince Will Come OA OAJ

Owned by Susan M. Goetzke

**2024 Performance and Companion Annual Awards Cont'd**

## Agility Novice

Fsgd Daisy Doodlebug Gotto Go Big NA NAJ CGC TKI

Owned by Mariah Morgan Bradford (not a GDCA member)

## Agility Master Preferred

PACH Ellenni Blackstone Thidwick The Moose RM2 RAE2 MXP4 MXPB MJP8 MJPG PAX MFPB T2BP 2  
FCAT3 ACT2 SBN CGC ATT

Owned by Deb Peatt

## Agility Excellent Preferred

Yandamar Flightyfoto Bewitched RN OAP AJP OFP DCAT ACT1 ACT2J CGC TKA

Owned by Tiana Amos

## Agility Open Preferred

Yandamar Flightyfoto Bewitched RN OAP AJP OFP DCAT ACT1 ACT2J CGC TKA

Owned by Tiana Amos

## Agility Novice Preferred

Yandamar Flightyfoto Bewitched RN OAP AJP OFP DCAT ACT1 ACT2J CGC TKA

Owned by Tiana Amos

## FastCAT

Cowtown's Kailua Zwei Meere RI CA DCAT CGC TKA FITB Qualifying time: 27.64

Owned by Emma Gray

All awards are pending verification of ownership and membership in the GDCA. They were tabulated directly from AKC reports and Canine Chronicle statistics.

Please remember only GDCA members are eligible for the Annual Awards.

Traci Rinoldo and Rita Suddarth assisted in compiling the above results.

The award honorees will receive an email from Margaret A. Ontl, the GDCA Awards Chairperson, to confirm more details. It is essential that owners respond to the deadline in the email.

## Greetings from the East Division, host of the 2025 GDCA National Specialty!

We are excited to have you join us at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, from October 12th-18th, 2025.

The East Division theme celebrates “**A Dane for All Seasons**” and we are beyond ready to cheer the end of a particularly cold, snowy winter and the arrival of the spring thaw later this month. To that end, you may have noticed some flourishing of content on the [2025 East Division](#) National page on the GDCA website. We encourage you to bookmark and visit this page regularly, as it is a trusted hub for consolidated event information and will be regularly updated as event plans are refined and finalized.

### Hotel Updates:

- As of today, our block of hotel rooms is sold out. Requests to be added to the waitlist may be directed to [GDCA.East.Division.Hotel@gmail.com](mailto:GDCA.East.Division.Hotel@gmail.com).
- Existing reservations may be modified using the original reservation link. The confirmation number that was sent via email at the time of reservation is needed to complete this process. Special requests may be updated online via the reservation system or emailed to the email address above.
- The deadline to cancel reservations without penalty is August 10, 2025.

### National Room Raffle: Don't miss your chance to win!

- One Standard Room from October 12-18
- Meal Plan for Two: Top 20, Auction and Closing Ceremonies
- Futurity, Top 20 and National Specialty Catalogs
- 100 Raffle Tickets

To purchase tickets, visit the [National Hotel Room Raffle](#) listing in the National Store.

### Ways & Means Updates:

We are delighted to welcome back 2 Guyz Quilting for the 2025 National and thank them for their ‘above and beyond’ efforts to get the East Division logo ready for prime time.

- The National Store has officially launched with a variety of heat-press T-shirts and tote bags in cropped and natural ear styles, embroidered caps, cozy sweatshirts and hoodies, engraved and etched drinkware, bling-y rhinestones and a spectacular limited edition throw/tapestry. Visit [Ways & Means](#) to get your 2025 National merchandise today!
- Unable to attend the National but interested in purchasing merchandise? Reach out to us at [GDCA.East.Division@gmail.com](mailto:GDCA.East.Division@gmail.com) to inquire about sending your purchases home with a designated party.



### Donation Updates:

We desperately need your help to make the 2025 National a success! Please consider making a donation to support one (or more) of the following areas.

- Auction: Please reach out to Carol Urick at [carol\\_urick@hotmail.com](mailto:carol_urick@hotmail.com) for Auction donations involving physical items. If you would prefer to make a cash donation to be used to purchase items for the auction, please visit the [Auction Donations](#) listing in the National Store or mail a check to Kira Wright, Treasurer - East Division, 30 Fox Street, Manchester Township, NJ 08759.
- We have recently been informed by the GDCA that the 2025 Trophy Fund target is \$22,500.00. We have raised \$200 to date. Trophy Fund donations can be made via the [National Trophy Donation](#) listing on the National Store or via check at the address for Kira Wright, Treasurer above. Please consider making a donation in memory of a special dog or meaningful achievement. Donations can be designated to support a particular competitive event such as conformation, rally, obedience, or agility. Stay alert for some news about Limited Edition 2025 merchandise... coming soon to a trophy fund campaign near you!

- Raffle Donations involving physical items can be shipped to: GDCA East Division c/o Jeffrey Ball, 11 Pershing Avenue, Ridgewood NJ 07450. Cash Donations to support the raffle can be made via the [Raffle Room Donations](#) listing in the National Store or via check to Kira Wright, Treasurer (address above). Cash donations will be used to purchase items for the raffle.
- Welcome Bag Donations are a wonderful way to introduce people to a favorite product, brand and/or to promote your kennel or club. Please reach out to Judi Arsenault at [chromaeast@yahoo.com](mailto:chromaeast@yahoo.com) to discuss opportunities to be discovered in the 2025 Welcome Bag!

#### Key Dates & Milestones:

The next major milestones are the opening of [Educational Seminars](#) and [RV Reservations](#) in the National Store, tentatively planned for mid-March and early April, respectively. Complete details about the RV reservation process will be provided in a separate mid-month update. We anticipate that [Health Clinics](#) and [Meals](#) will go live in mid-April. You can also expect updates about Parades and the first-ever Trick Dog Competition later this spring.

In the meantime, we encourage you to join our listserv (instructions below), and to follow and/or share our social media accounts using the information provided below the signature block. General inquiries can also be sent to [GDCA.East.Division@gmail.com](mailto:GDCA.East.Division@gmail.com).

On behalf of the East Division, we wish you all the best for the upcoming season!

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#### Steps to Stay Informed

##### Email

GDCA Members: Quarterly updates will be published in the GDCA Bulletin. You can also expect to receive periodic email notifications via Constant Contact about key milestones and deadlines.

Non-GDCA Members/Dane fanciers at large: GDCA Members, we need your help getting the word out about the East Division listserv, which will provide timely information to those who do not receive Constant Contact emails. Please encourage individuals in your clubs and networks to join the East Division Listserv by having them send an email to [GDCA.East.Division@gmail.com](mailto:GDCA.East.Division@gmail.com), with subject line "Listserv".

##### Social Media

Meta/Facebook: Find and join our group by searching for "2025 National - East Division" in the search bar. We will publish regular updates in this group starting mid-December 2024. Please review the Featured posts first as they will contain some tips and tricks for finding content posted in the group.

Instagram & Tiktok: Find, follow and tag us via our handle, @GDCAEastDiv.

Hashtags: In keeping with our Division's theme, we have also launched a hashtag, #adane4allszns. You can use this to share pictures and posts with us from your accounts on Meta/Facebook, Instagram and Tiktok. (Don't forget to set the post privacy to public so we can all appreciate the content you've shared!)





## Final Breed Standings for 2024 Show Year

For Events Processed from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Rank	Name	Sex	BOB Wins	Total Defeated
1	GCHP CH EB The Relentless Pursuit Of Perfection	D	103	2,296
2	GCHG CH Sanlor's Come Away With Me RN FDC BCAT CGC ATT	B	83	1,384
3	GCHS CH Lemaire's Go Your Own Way	B	47	1,173
4	GCHG CH Haltmeier N Sunrise's I'm Heart To Resist ATT	D	75	610
5	GCHS CH Divine Acres I Did It My Way CGC TKI FITS	D	45	586
6	GCHG CH Golden Rule & Neet Vantage CGCA CGCU TKI	D	36	568
7	GCHS CH WIL-TOR's Hans Hoffman	D	52	537
8	GCHG CH Jerdans Country Girl Of Eden Forest	B	50	535
9	GCHS CH Danu's Sweet Serendipitous Fate RN CGCA CGCU TKI VHMP	B	26	492
10	GCHG CH Four D's Mr Bull	D	24	348
10	GCHG CH Timberline & Konkoly-Thege's Truth Prevails RN FDC BCAT RATN CGCA CGCU TKN ATT	D	18	348
12	GCHS CH Valhalla's You Just Want Attention	B	25	344
13	GCHB CH Creek Danes You Are The Potter I Am The Clay	D	23	333
14	GCHS CH Lemaire's Setting the World On Fire	B	11	320
15	GCHB CH Thunder Roads Mighty Max	D	13	312
16	GCHS CH VZTop-Hillside's Lion Of God	D	27	311
17	GCHS CH Elle's Red Sky At Night RN	D	32	304
18	GCHB CH Dun Roman's Quite The Ride V Caps	D	28	302
19	GCHG CH Shalako N Rkyck's Mo Cridhe's Outlander V Oly-Pac	D	22	295
20	GCHS CH Legado N Danemark's I Will Survive @ Leggo	B	14	258

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## Final Group Standings for 2024 Show Year

For Events Processed from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

For Events Processed Through Friday, January 17, 2025

Rank	Name	Sex	BIS	I	II	III	IV	BOB Wins	Total Defeated
1	GCHP CH EB The Relentless Pursuit Of Perfection	D	19	46	14	10	6	103	21,844
2	GCHG CH Sanlor's Come Away With Me RN FDC BCAT CGC ATT	B	0	6	7	6	7	83	3,582
3	GCHS CH WIL-TOR's Hans Hoffman	D	0	3	8	5	8	52	2,585
4	GCHS CH Lemaire's Go Your Own Way	B	0	5	1	5	4	47	2,355
5	GCHG CH Haltmeier N Sunrise's I'm Heart To Resist ATT	D	0	5	4	8	5	75	1,867
6	GCHB CH Dun Roman's Quite The Ride V Caps	D	1	3	3	1	3	28	1,467
7	GCHS CH Divine Acres I Did It My Way CGC TKI FITS	D	0	1	3	2	2	45	1,238
8	GCHG CH Jerdans Country Girl Of Eden Forest	B	0	3	1	3	2	50	1,148
9	GCHG CH Golden Rule & Neet Vantage CGCA CGCU TKI	D	0	0	2	1	2	36	1,035
10	GCHB CH Creek Danes You Are The Potter I Am The Clay	D	0	2	4	1	2	23	869
11	GCHS CH Danu's Sweet Serendipitous Fate RN CGCA CGCU TKI VHMP	B	0	2	1	0	1	26	835
12	GCHS CH VZTop-Hillside's Lion Of God	D	0	0	2	1	1	27	745
13	GCHB CH Chanoz Crafty Rascal	D	0	0	2	1	1	24	625
14	GCHG CH Laurado's N Sobeit's Warship On The Horizon	D	0	0	0	2	3	39	584
15	GCHB CH Wildside's Here Comes The Sun	D	0	0	2	2	2	32	533
16	GCHG CH Four D's Mr Bull	D	0	1	0	2	0	24	522
17	GCHS CH Lemaire's Setting the World On Fire	B	0	0	1	0	1	11	514
18	GCH CH Cosmmic Nobonz Meant To Be @ Rosendane	B	0	1	1	0	2	11	498
19	GCHS CH Legado N Danemark's I Will Survive @ Leggo	B	0	0	0	1	2	14	487
20	GCHB CH Thunder Roads Mighty Max	D	0	0	0	1	1	13	475

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## Top Ranking Great Danes - AKC Companion Events

**January 2025**

**Trial dates 2/1/2024 - 1/31/2025**

All scores as received directly from AKC. Please check AKC website to verify your information.

Complete reports of the top ten in each event/class combo are located at <https://gdca.org/shows/companionevents/>

Report completed by Traci Rinoldo, Danegyrl@lifebytes.net

### AKC Rally

Class	Dog Name	Primary Owner
Choice	Crimson's Still I Rise CD BN RM FDC CAA FCAT ACT1J THDA RATN DM DSA CGCA CGCU TKE ATT BN-V CD-V VHMA VHMP VSWE FITG	Macy B Van Cleave
Master	RACH Revenir-Champlain's Bewitching Dreamweaver CD RM3 RAE4 RC CGCA CGCU TKI	Laura Amick
Excellent	Ashton's Classic Empire CD PCD BN RM3 RAE2 FCAT2 CGCA TKI	Dana E Sikes
Advanced	Lazy Days A New Hope CDX BN RE AX AXJ OF CGC TKN	Shirley Spall
Intermediate	Dp-Kma-Crystallynn Beach Please CD RI CGC TKN	Campbell Amick
Novice	Jasper Kahu CGCU	Davina Merkel

### AKC Obedience

Class	Dog Name	Primary Owner
Utility	RACH Lazy Days Force Awakens UD BN RM3 RAE3 AX AXJ XF SWA SCNE CGC TKN	Shirley Spall
Open	Lazy Days A New Hope CDX BN RE AX AXJ OF CGC TKN	Shirley Spall
Novice	Lazy Days A New Hope CD BN RE NA NAJ OF CGC TKN	Shirley Spall

### AKC Agility Regular Jump Height

Class	Dog Name	Primary Owner
Master	MACH2 Lazy Days I Believe I Can Fly CDX BN RM MXS MJC NAP NJP MFS TQX NFP T2B	MARY D SHIPMAN
Excellent	Lazy Days A New Hope CD BN RE AX AXJ OF CGC TKN	Shirley Spall
Open	Sterling's Someday My Prince Will Come OA OAJ	Susan M Goetzke
Novice	Fsgd Daisy Doodlebug Gotto Go Big NA NAJ CGC TKI	Marah Morgan Bradford

### AKC Agility Preferred Jump Height

Class	Dog Name	Primary Owner
Master	PACH Ellenni Blackstone Thidwick The Moose RM2 RAE2 MXP4 MXPB MJP8 MJPG PAX MFPB T2BP2 FCAT3 ACT2 SBN CGC ATT	Deb Peatt
Excellent	Yandamar Flightyfoto Bewitched RN OAP AJP OFP DCAT ACT1 ACT2J CGC TKA	Tiana Amos
Open	Yandamar Flightyfoto Bewitched RN OAP AJP NFP DCAT ACT1 ACT2J CGC TKA	Alan Walsh
Novice	Yandamar Flightyfoto Bewitched RN NAP OJP NFP BCAT ACT1 ACT2J CGC TKA	Alan Walsh

## ***Helping Our Own***

**Bill Stebbins**

Every year the GDCA has a number of breeders that apply to become breeder judges. Part of their initial application is a listing of all the in-judging experiences they have with Sweepstakes, Futurities and Sanctioned Matches. On that end ,we have a program called *Helping Our Own* which assists members of the GDCA in obtaining Sweepstakes assignments.

Over the years we are now in a position where most of our affiliate clubs use this list to obtain the names for their sweeps judges. If there is anyone that would like to have their name added to this list please send your name, kennel name, e-mail and phone number to me at [cherdane2@comcast.net](mailto:cherdane2@comcast.net) and I will add it to this list.

You can look at this list by going to the GDCA website and clicking on the column entitled "Shows." A pop-up menu will come up which contains a listing called Sweepstakes Judges.

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It is exciting that we continue to receive sweepstakes assignments for our future breeder judges by the affiliate clubs utilizing the *Helping Our Own* program. All aspiring judges need Sweeps and Sanctioned Match assignments. As stated above, there is a list of judges that need such assignments on the GDCA website. Go to the GDCA home page and click on the column titled Shows." The pop-up menu has a listing called "Sweepstakes Judges."

Again, as stated above, If you would like to have your name added to this list please send me all of your contact information, including your kennel name. [cherdane2@comcast.net](mailto:cherdane2@comcast.net)



# GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA

## CHARITABLE TRUST



### SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE — IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP INFO

The GDCA Charitable Trust is pleased to provide scholarships for students in our Great Dane community who are pursuing further education after high school and are involved in our breed. Involvement includes active participation in conformation, rescue, therapy, obedience and performance events. Further education is defined as a college, university, or an accredited vocational school.

Under the age of 18, the applicant or applicant's family must belong to the GDCA or an affiliate club. An applicant who is over the age of 18 MUST themselves be a member of the GDCA or an affiliate club.

No applicant over the age of 26 may apply. (This includes applicants pursuing a graduate degree.)  
EXCEPTION TO THE AGE RESTRICTION IS MADE FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING VETERINARY SCHOOL  
Deadline for applying is April 1st.

The Carmody Scholarship is awarded at the discretion of Mrs. Mary Lou Carmody. No additional application is required. Link to the scholarship application:  
<https://gdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/GDCACTScholarship-Application-Effective-2.2018.pdf>

ADDITIONALLY...The GDCA Charitable Trust would like to express our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Carolyn Thomas of Harmony Hill Great Danes for her generous donation of \$25,000 to the Trust. Per Carolyn's wishes, the monies will be held in account and disbursed as follows: \$18,000 to be awarded as a \$1,000 scholarship to an applicant in veterinary school with an affiliation to the Great Dane community. This scholarship can be renewed annually upon application. \$7,000 to be awarded as a \$500 grant to a Junior Handler applicant who qualifies and competes at Westminster with a Great Dane.

Please contact Sue Davis Shaw, [Davisdane@comcast.net](mailto:Davisdane@comcast.net) with any questions or for more information.

## Westminster



The Charitable Trust is very pleased to award a \$500 grant from the Bob & Carolyn Thomas Memorial Scholarship Fund to **Allison Gallant**, who qualified for Westminster with a Great Dane and showed that Great Dane in Junior Showmanship at Westminster. We are very proud of Allison, who represented the Dane community well and made it to the finals with her Great Dane, GCH COSMIC NOBONZ GET READY TO MAMBO ITALIANO. We congratulate you, Ally, and wish you much success in the future!

January 2025



**The GDCA Charitable Trust (CT)** Trustees wish you a Happy New Year!

As we prepare for 2025, we look to both our strategy and our 2024 outcomes to help us plan for the year to come. We want to share these outcomes to help you understand the impact that the CT has on the Great Dane community

Our 2024 Accomplishments were many – to name a few: In 2024 there were 13 Great Dane member rescues that applied for and were awarded grants. Since inception of the CT, we have provided grants totaling \$474,904!

Educational scholarships were granted to 2 students in the amount of \$1,500 each. These scholarships assist students in pursuing education beyond high school at a college, university, or an accredited vocational school. Through the generosity of Mary Lou Carmody, the Don Carmody Memorial Scholarship was awarded to one applicant in the amount of \$1,000. Since inception of the CT, we have provided \$264,773 in scholarship grants.

The CT also funded the following research grants:

- \* Post Operative Bleeding Study which will increase our understanding of pre/post-surgical care and anesthesia protocol.

- \* Participating in the first ever collaborative project between the AKC CHF and 5 other giant/large breed clubs to study and determine if early detection of Osteosarcoma is possible in large breeds.

- \* Fertility Study – Results confirmed declining viability in stud dogs and offered new ways to store and preserve semen. Results have been published on the CT website. Great Dane owners that see a need for research are welcome to bring their ideas to the CT for consideration of a research grant.

The CT continues to sponsor the annual cardio clinic at the GDCA National by covering all the expenses for the veterinarians to come to the National plus half the cost of each echocardiogram. This continues to result in significant cost savings for those that participate. This year 113 dogs received this service. This represents

approximately a 35% increase in participation compared to previous years! In addition, we continue to provide a \$75 credit to anyone who gets an OFA Echocardiogram exam at a local veterinary cardiologist and will continue to do so in 2025.

Dr. Kelly Makielski presented an overview of the Osteosarcoma Study to 75 attendees at the Wine and Cheese Party at the National.

Three new Trustees joined the CT. They will focus on Veterinarian Knowledge, Fund Raising and Technology.

As you can see above, the CT has done much to help the Dane community. We are asking for your continued support. This year we are pleased to announce that we have established the ability to donate to the CT via routine monthly bank withdrawals. If you would like to participate in automatic monthly donations, please contact the Charitable Trust Treasurer, Lisa Foltz, at 708-227-8627. Remember, no donation is too small and all donations are greatly appreciated and will help the CT fulfill its mission.

In addition, there are other ways to donate. You can donate directly to the CT via check, via the website at [www.GDCA.org/CharitableTrust](http://www.GDCA.org/CharitableTrust) or you may wish to speak to your tax advisor about charitable contributions.

This form of donation reduces taxable income by allowing individual taxpayers and businesses to deduct contributions of cash and property (e.g. appreciated stocks) to qualified charitable organizations. Alternatively, if you are 70-1/2 or older, you can make gifts directly from your IRA as an outright gift or life-income gift (charitable gift annuities or charitable remainder trust).

We are excited to continue our efforts to support Great Danes and the Great Dane community in 2025. We thank you all for being a part of the Great Dane community and wish you a Happy New Year! Let's make 2025 a fantastic year!

*Jim Remaklus*



# GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA

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## CHARITABLE TRUST



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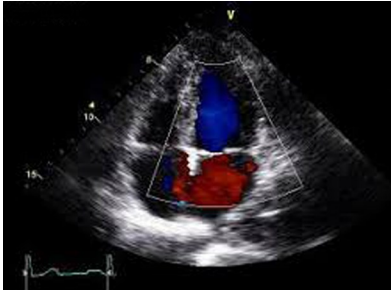
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## OFA Echocardiograms Subsidized by the GDCA Charitable Trust

We are pleased to announce that the Great Dane Club of America and the Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust are continuing the \$75 reimbursement for echocardiograms for **GDCA** and **Affiliate Club Members** for exams performed in 2024. Guidelines for participating are listed below. We would like to thank Darryl Pitts for taking the helm as the gatekeeper for this program.

1. The GDCA Charitable Trust will reimburse (subsidize) OFA advanced cardiac . (echocardiogram) studies for GDCA and Affiliate Club Members in the amount of \$75.
2. Limited to ONE ECHO PER DOG EACH YEAR for either INITIAL or FOLLOW UP Echocardiogram. \*\*  
(Updated April 2022)
3. Great Dane must be one of the seven acceptable colors as recognized by the breed standard.
4. Echocardiograms performed at GDCA National will be excluded as they are already subsidized and offered at a reduced rate to participants.
5. Send a copy of receipt, OFA application and mailing address for receipt of check to Darryl Pitts at [ECHO.GDCA@gmail.com](mailto:ECHO.GDCA@gmail.com). If you are not a GDCA member, please indicate your affiliate club membership.
6. Processing of checks will be done quarterly. We would appreciate it if you could be timely in cashing your checks. Thank you.



## Autopay Donations to the

## Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust

- ♦ It is now possible to establish **AUTOPAY DONATIONS** to the Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust.
- ♦ That money can be deducted from your bank account and sent directly to the Treasury of The Trust at any interval of your choosing, ie. monthly or quarterly, and without imposing on you or your time to make your donations.
- ♦ This can be set up with the Trust Treasurer, Lisa Foltz, and yourself by providing your donation amount, the regularity of your choice, and your banking information.
- ♦ Monies sent to assist our beloved breed are monies that are needed for so many Great Dane related services.
- ♦ Please consider establishing your automatic donation today!
- ♦ Contact our Treasurer, Lisa Foltz, [Avantidogs@comcast.net](mailto:Avantidogs@comcast.net)

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:****Education Grants Available to Affiliate Clubs**

New research, trends, and protocols available to all Dane breeders and owners address the health, happiness, and longevity of our dogs. With many dog shows and busy calendars occupying most of our free time, we may be unfamiliar with what is available to us! The ability to attend classes or seminars is definitely impacted by our chaotic schedules and active lifestyles.

Affiliate clubs are encouraged to apply for grant monies offered jointly by the Great Dane Club of America and the Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust set aside for the specific purpose of providing educational opportunities to its members and the Dane fancy. Perhaps there is an open date on the club calendar in which an event could be scheduled. New knowledge can only make us better dog owners for our beloved Danes, treasured members of our families.

Attached to this message is an application to request some funds for your affiliate club. We hope you will consider working an educational event into your club's busy schedule.

**Great Dane Club of America, Inc.**

## Education Grant Application

Please attach a brief explanation of your project and include a proposed budget. Projects that include matching funds are particularly encouraged.

Any and all funds awarded by the GDCA and the GDCA Charitable Trust through the GDCA Education Grant are to be utilized exclusively to support education programs or health related projects for GDCA Affiliate Clubs and the Great Dane fancy and may not be applied to any other purpose other than those described on the application. Any variance from this agreement may result in the forfeiture of any and all funds provided and will be returned to the GDCA Charitable Trust upon request.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Affiliate Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliate Club President Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliate Club Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliate Club Delegate Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person for questions (please include email or phone number) \_\_\_\_\_

Grant amount requested (not to exceed \$1,000.00):\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received support from the GDCA in the past? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Return a hard copy to:

Joy DeGruccio  
193 Admiral Way  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Or email to:

joydegruccio1@gmail.com

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Approved ( ) Disapproved ( ) Incomplete ( )

Signature of the Affiliate Club Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date approved by GDCA Board for submission to GDCA Charitable Trust \_\_\_\_\_

Action taken by GDCA Charitable Trust \_\_\_\_\_



## The Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust

*The GDCA Charitable Trust is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2002*

### TRUST PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- \* Supporting Research Projects for Breed Specific Health Problems including:
  - \* Megaesophagus \* Wobblers \* Cardiomyopathy
  - \* Fertility Issues \* Cancer \* Epilepsy
  - \* Disaster Relief Assistance
  - \* Rescue Grants/Rescue Insurance Grants
  - \* Subsidizing Cardiac Testing at the National
- \* Providing Scholarships for Students, as well as Veterinary Students
  - \* Grants for Juniors who show a Great Dane at the Garden
  - \* Junior Showmanship Vouchers for Best Junior and Reserve Best Junior at our National Specialty

*Through your support, the GDCA Charitable Trust  
will have the necessary resources to respond to calls for help  
in the most critical areas of concern ...  
the health and welfare of our breed!*

GDCA Charitable Trust \* Lisa Foltz, Treasurer  
Please Mail Donations to: Cathy Schaefer, 10362 E Vail Trap Spring Ct., Tucson, AZ 85748



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### HOW CAN YOU HELP???

- \* Through a tax-deductible contribution
- \* Through a deferred gift including life insurance or a bequest through your will
- \* Through various fund-raising efforts and special events with proceeds benefiting the GDCA Charitable Trust

*For more information on how you can participate with us to make our Great Danes lives better or to make a donation, please contact us at: [gdcact@yahoo.com](mailto:gdcact@yahoo.com) or any one of our Trustees personally:*

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## How Can You Help?



### Would You Like To Make a Donation?

All Donations should be mailed to: Cathy Schaefer, 10362 E Vail Trap Spring Ct., Tucson, AZ 85748

Please accept my donation to the GDCA Charitable Trust: (Make Checks Payable to GDCACT)  
(Major Credit Cards also accepted)

( ) \$10 ( ) \$25 ( ) \$50 ( ) \$100 ( ) Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Disaster Relief Fund \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Health & Research Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Rescue Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor or Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Circle)

Name and address of person to whom acknowledgement of honor or memorial is to be sent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The GDCA Charitable Trust is a 501(c)3 Organization. All contributions to the Charitable Trust are tax deductible in accordance with guidelines for 501(c)3 organizations by the Internal Revenue Service.

*You can mail in a check or credit card number or can donate online. Please see all of the categories noted above.*

## Help Us ... To Help Them

## ***Also Please Consider Our Legacy Program***

*It's easier than you may think to include the  
Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust in your will.*



*Gift Options to Consider:*

Life Insurance  
A Bequest Through Your Will  
A Living Trust  
Retirement Plan  
Gift In Trust  
Retention of Life Interest  
Arts, Antiques and Collectibles

Call or EMAIL Linda Tonnancour - 626-825-1181 / toncorrl7244@gmail.com  
Or Mail to: Linda at 2890 N Megafauna Court, Tucson, AZ 85749  
You may also see a trust member.

YES, I want to leave a lasting legacy to protect the future of the  
Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust!

- ☐ I have already included a gift to the GDCACT in my will or estate plan.  
☐ I have already included a gift to the GDCACT in my will or estate plan,  
but wish to remain anonymous.  
☐ I am actively considering a gift to GDCACT in my will or estate plan.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Help Us . . . To Help Them***